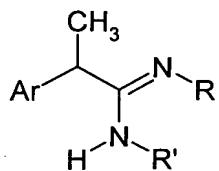


**ABSTRACT**

Amidines and derivatives thereof of formula (I) are described.



(I)

The process for their preparation and pharmaceutical compositions thereof are also described. The amidines of the invention are useful in the inhibition of chemotaxis of neutrophils induced by IL-8. The compounds of the invention are used in the treatment of psoriasis, ulcerative colitis, melanoma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bullous pemphigo, rheumatoid arthritis, idiopathic fibrosis, glomerulonephritis and in the prevention and treatment of damages caused by ischemia and reperfusion.